

CAREER PLANNING PROCESS

Self Awareness

Hope College - Office of Career Services

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Academic Planning

- Get acquainted with offices on campus that provide **academic and personal support**
- Begin building a support network of faculty and staff
- Meet with your academic advisor regularly to discuss your academic experience
- Use the **Core Curriculum** requirements to explore areas of interest or to take classes in areas you have never explored before
- Take advantage of your professor's office hours - they are more than willing to answer your questions and want to get to you know personally

Campus/Community Involvement

- Attend the Activities Fair or visit the **Student Groups** website to identify organizations or clubs that mesh with your interests
- Attend **events on campus**, both related to your major/career interests. Becoming an active and engaged member of the campus community is very important

Personal Growth/Wellness

- Learn how to establish goals and action plans to achieve them
- Learn time management and study skills
- Stay active through **intramurals**, use of **Dow** or other forms of personal or team recreation

Career Development

- If you are "undecided" about a major or uncertain what you can do with your major, schedule a **one-on-one appointment** in Career Services to discuss options
- To gain clarity of your personality type, interests, and top areas of talent, schedule an assessment appointment in Career Services. Each **assessment** has a small cost and a follow-up interpretation appointment will also be needed
- Visit the Career Services Career Library to view and check-out books related to Hope College majors, career specific interests, internships and job/graduate school focused preparation
- Review "What Can I Do With a Major In...?" handouts located on the Career Services website. There is a handout for each major at Hope College
- Attend Career Panels or other networking **events** to gather information about occupations related to your interests and network with professionals
- Begin your resume using **OptimalResume**, an online resume creation and storage tool that is free of charge and available on the Career Services website.
- Apply for on-campus, off-campus part-time or summer jobs using **JobStop**